



Child Care Health Consultation Work Group Meeting Summary Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 1:30-3:30pm

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Gina Egenberger, Dawn Hove, Diane Kvasnicka, Tiffany Mullison, Renee Rief, Eleanor Shirley, Carol Tucker, and, Pat Urzedowski. Diane facilitated introductions.

Review Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2014

Diane asked members to review the meeting minutes from February. The group accepted the minutes as presented.

Step Up to Quality Update

Eleanor Shirley distributed an overview of Nebraska Step Up to Quality [see attached]. Nebraska is using a 'step' model for the Quality Rating Improvement System [QRIS]. Centers receiving over \$500,000/year in subsidies are required to participate in year 1; those receiving \$250,000/year are required to participate in year 2. Twelve [12] programs are required to participate in year 1 and have been notified; 11 are in Omaha and 1 is in Lincoln.

The rating system will go public in 2017. The program has hired for 2 of the newly created positions, Program Quality Specialist and Coach Specialist. NDOE will also hire a support staff and an additional program specialist. The Standards and Program Guide are under development. A new data base is under development; it will be able to communicate with licensing.

Eleanor stated she would like to use the fact sheets prepared by the CCHC work group when conducting visits, coaching, and technical assistance.

What If...Future Focus Discussion

1. Work Plan

Diane facilitated discussion on Strategy 9. She provided newer members with the history of the Strategy. Early discussion centered on "how do we get a CCHC involved in the child care setting?" Pat suggested we have strayed away from the original intent of making the connection/involvement in the child care setting. Funding has always been a challenge. Medicaid used to pay for nurses with administrative funds for consultation and capacity. At that time, working with child care was a natural fit to their work. At one point, there were 25-50 nurses trained who were available for phone consultation. Then Medicaid changed the priorities and funding was no longer available.

Questions from the group:

- Would Title V have funding for a staff person on the state level?

- Had there even been a nurse consultant for child care setting? Dawn says yes: 15 years ago in Omaha. There was some money going to the Early Childhood Training Center from Healthy Childhood America.
- Can we identify other states who have a dedicated nurse/other qualified personnel at all the local health departments? Gina says yes: possibly North Carolina and California.
- Does Iowa have 1 per region?
- In a perfect scenario for Nebraska, would this be a staffed position or be guidance available via internet? Carol will inquire what services are being provided. Carol stated some of the roles of the school health nurse.
- Could First Five Nebraska champion the need for CCHC?
- How does the QRIS encompass CCHC issues? Can Step 2 include CCHC? Diane will talk with Eleanor.
- This work group will flesh out what it would look like to have sufficient CCHC resources in the state – cost, job description, role, and, cost savings.

2. Together for Kids & Families Input Sought

Tiffany facilitated a discussion on the purpose and value of holding a meeting for all TFKF work group members. Members shared what would make the meeting beneficial:

- Bigger picture issues – see and hear from co-chairs of each group.
- Offer video conferencing so the meeting can connect people ‘face to face.’
- Each work group could produce a 1 page status summary. This could be disseminated as an option to a large group meeting, shared at a meeting, and/or sent to those unable to attend.
- Make the connection between each work group and the QRIS.
- Discussion on the impact of school readiness and work force issues.
- Possible 10 minute talks [i.e., TED Talk format] on up to 5 topics.

3. If an Endless Pot of Funding were Available

Tiffany facilitated a discussion on priorities and initiatives this group would support if an endless amount of funding were available. The generated the following as possibilities:

- Use the PEP from Douglas County Health Department in other arenas [Diane].
- Disseminate the AAP Managing Infectious Disease book. It has been updated and is available for \$40 [Gina].
- Disseminate book from American Public Health Association [Carol].
- Disseminate and provide training on the use of bleach kits. Oregon did a study on the levels of bleach used in cleaning. They found misuse and concerns with using chemicals – dangerous to the children and the staff. Bleach pumps fit right on the bottle and are premeasured and are one method to decrease misuse. LLCHD has purchased labels, pumps, and developed information on the roles of the chemicals. Their cost was \$500 for 400 sets [including cost of label, hang tags, gloves]. Child cares are very interested in having the kits. Gina has been delivering in person. She has found child cares where she provided the one on one training on the kits are reaching out to her for additional, unrelated issues. [Gina].
- Disseminate kits and provide training on Norovirus for child cares. Centers are not following procedures correctly when an outbreak occurs [Gina].

Updates, Sharing & Next Steps

- The DVD's on toxic stress for 4 target audiences are in the final editing stages. Tiffany asked the group for suggestions for dissemination to target audiences [home visitor, foster care worker/parent, child care provider]. The group suggested:
 - Child care – Early Learning Coordinator newsletters
 - Foster care – Vicki Maca or Nathan Busch
- LB1050 was approved by the Governor on April 10, 2014. The bill requires health and safety inspections for all child care providers prior to licensure.
- LB105, referred to as the Child Care Licensing Act, was approved in April 2013, it requires child cares to have liability insurance by July 1, 2014.
- LB1069, amended into LB967, requires the Early Childhood Training Center to approve training for the QRIS, Step Up to Quality.

Meeting Information for 2014

Meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of every other month at the NDOE, 6th floor.

- June 25
- August 27
- October 29
- December 17 or 31 – for group discussion